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**From:** Stalcup, Dana  
**Sent:** Mon 8/17/2015 9:05:54 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Urgent - Additional discussion on the independent study

Need to talk. Need to revisit the role of USACE. This is the latest version presuming our prior perceived role of the USACE. Please call my cell – thanks - Dana

August 17, 2015

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**EPA Announces U.S. Department of the Interior & U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to Lead Independent Review of Gold King Mine Release**

*Review to include analysis of the cause of release, contractor activities and government oversight*

WASHINGTON - EPA announced today the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) joined by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) will lead an independent assessment of the factors that led to the Gold King Mine incident on August 5, 2015, in Colorado that affected the Animas and San Juan rivers. The assessment begins today, Monday, August 17, and it is anticipated that DOI will provide the assessment report to EPA and the public within 60 days.

The incident-specific review will provide EPA with an analysis of the root causes of the release, and will include a review of the agency's oversight of contractor activities and qualifications, plan techniques and historical review of the mining work at the Gold King Mine.

The goal of DOI and the Corps' independent review is to provide EPA with an analysis of the incident that took place at Gold King Mine, including the contributing causes, and field activities.

Details about the independent review will be made available by DOI as they become available.

In addition to the independent review, EPA is conducting its own internal technical examination of the incident. Both reviews will help inform ongoing and planned site assessments, investigations, and construction or removal projects.

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Dana: I'll give you a call in about an hour. Sorry but I've been in an all day mtg and haven't been able to follow up my folks who were on your call(s).

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 17, 2015, at 2:18 PM, Stalcup, Dana <[Stalcup.Dana@epa.gov](mailto:Stalcup.Dana@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hello folks. Who might I talk to about the plan for the independent study, per some of the

confusion on the current conference call? Name and phone number would be great.  
Thanks - Dana

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